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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS–Legislative Committee
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	04/25/2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. William Northey, LMFT, Presiding
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH
Dr. Gregg Drevno, LPCMH

MEMBERS ABSENT

Daniel Cherneski, LMFT
Mary Davis, LCDP

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

ALSO PRESENT

Wade Jones
Sophia Sills-Tailor

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Northey called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Dr. Drevno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion Regarding Competencies or Guidelines for Supervisees & Supervisors

The Legislative Committee reviewed Mr. Cooper's written comments relating to Mississippi's supervision guidelines. Mr. Cooper stated that he reviewed other states regulations and/or guidelines and he feels as though Mississippi's guidelines would be the best model to base Delaware's guidelines on.

The Legislative Committee discussed requiring supervisory continuing education courses for potential supervisors.

Mr. Cooper stated that if a disciplinary action were to occur against an associate counselor, the supervisor should also be held accountable as well. They discussed the possibility of encouraging associate counselors to enter into a written contract with their supervisor, to address goals, educate the supervisee of Delaware law, termination of supervision, the outcome of the supervision, etc.

Dr. Northey suggested that the supervisory reference form should have an area to which, at the end of supervision, the supervisor would recommend, recommend with reservations, or not recommend the associate counselor for full counselor status.

Mr. Cooper and Dr. Drevno will prepare draft proposed guidelines, while Dr. Northey will draft a proposed contract, for the Legislative Committee to review during their next meeting.

Review Proposed Draft of Language Regarding Practice Acts

The Legislative Committee reviewed the proposed draft of the statutory language regarding practice acts which Mr. Stevenson prepared. Dr. Drevno moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper to approve the proposed language and send it to the Board for approval. Motion unanimously carried.

The proposed language will state:

No person shall engage in the practice of mental health, chemical dependency, or marriage and family counseling/therapy or hold himself or herself out to the public in the State as being qualified to practice same. It shall be unlawful for a person who is not licensed under this chapter, or the person's employer, employees, agents or representative, to use, in connection with the person's name or business, any words, letters, abbreviations or insignia indicating or implying directly that the person is licensed under this chapter.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

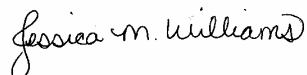
Next Meeting Date

The Committee will meet on April 25, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, 2nd floor of the Cannon Building.

Adjournment

Dr. Drevno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II